

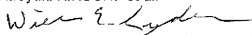
REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, claims 1-17 will be pending, and claims 3, 6, 7, 9, 11,14, and 16 will have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. No new matter has been introduced by the claim amendments.

The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any required fees or refund excess payments to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
Hiroyuki KIKUCHI et al.



William S. Boshnick
Reg. No. 44,550

William E. Lyddane
Reg. No. 41,568

October 3, 2006
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.
1950 Roland Clarke Place
Reston, VA 20191
(703) 716-1191